

BUREAUCRATIC OBSTACLES FOR SMALL EXPORTERS

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Bureaucratic Obstacles for Small Exporters: Is our National Export Strategy Working?” Testimony was heard from Suresh Kumar, Assistant Secretary and Director General, Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration, U.S. Commercial Service; Christian Foster, Deputy Administrator, Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agriculture Service; and public witnesses.

EUROPEAN UNION’S EMISSIONS TRADING SCHEME

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing entitled “The European Union’s Emissions Trading Scheme: A Violation of International Law.” Testimony was heard from Susan Kurland, Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs, Department of Transportation; Kl’isma R. Urs, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Transportation Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing entitled “The Economic Development Administration: How to Improve Effectiveness through Reforms and Consolidations.” Testimony was heard from John R. Fernandez, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development, Department of Commerce; William Shear, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, GAO; and public witnesses.

PREVENTING VIOLENT RADICALIZATION IN AMERICA

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, HUMINT, Analysis, and Counterintelligence held a hearing on Preventing Violent Radicalization in America. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

MAXIMIZING AMERICA’S PROSPERITY

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine maximizing America’s prosperity, focusing on how fiscal rules can restrain Federal overspending, after receiving testimony from James C. Miller III, former Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, Daniel J. Mitchell, Cato Institute, and Robert D. Reischauer, Urban Institute, all of Washington, DC.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D719)

S. 1103, to extend the term of the incumbent Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Signed on July 26, 2011. (Public Law 112–24)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 28, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Brian T. Baenig, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Agriculture; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine opportunities for specialty crops and organics in the farm bill, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Service and General Government, to hold hearings to examine Federal disaster assistance budgeting, focusing on the role of the Federal government in mitigating the economic impact of severe weather events through long-term budgetary planning, 2 p.m., SD–138.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Admiral Jonathan W. Greenert, USN for reappointment to the grade of admiral and to be Chief of Naval Operations, and Lieutenant General Charles H. Jacoby, Jr., USA to be general and to be Commander, United States Northern Command, and Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command, both of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine aviation fuels, focusing on needs, challenges, and alternatives, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Charles DeWitt McConnell, of Ohio, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Fossil Energy, and Rebecca R. Wodder, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 264, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Mississippi 2 parcels of surplus land within the boundary of the Natchez Trace Parkway, S. 265, to authorize the acquisition of core battlefield land at Champion Hill, Port Gibson, and Raymond for addition to Vicksburg National Military Park, S. 324, to amend the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Development Act to extend to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission, S. 764, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to make technical corrections to the segment designations for the Chetco River, Oregon, S. 864, to designate a Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial at the March Field Air Museum in Riverside, California, S. 883, to authorize National Mall Liberty Fund D.C. to establish a memorial on Federal land in the District of Columbia to honor free persons and slaves who fought for independence, liberty, and justice